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The Illuminati is a secret organization comprised of several of the world's most powerful heroes: Sorcerer Supreme Doctor Strange; Black Bolt, King of the Inhumans; Charles Xavier, founder of the X-Men and mutant rights activist; Reed Richards, founding member of the Fantastic Four; Namor, the Sub-Mariner, Ruler of Atlantis; and Iron Man, founding member of the Avengers.

These six men have worked together to shape the superhuman world. To keep the trust between the group members, the Illuminati's existence has been kept secret from everyone, including the members' teammates and families.

What they've done together has remained a mystery...until now...



Years ago, after the legendary Kree/Skrull War, the Illuminati traveled to the Skrull world to tell the shape-shifting alien race that they would not tolerate any more attempts at an Earth invasion. That did not go well.

Since then, evidence of a Skrull infestation among the superhuman community has made itself known.

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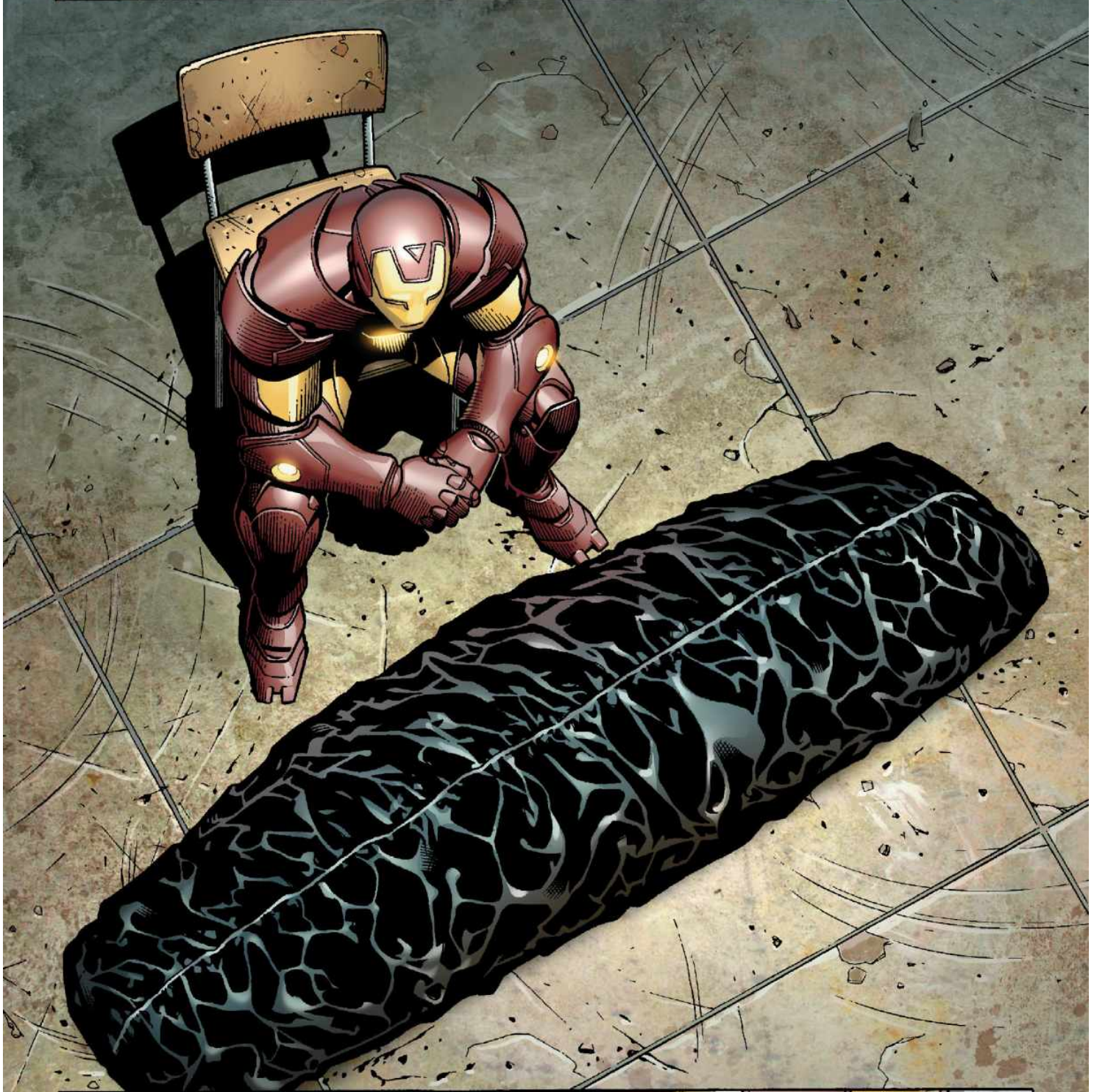
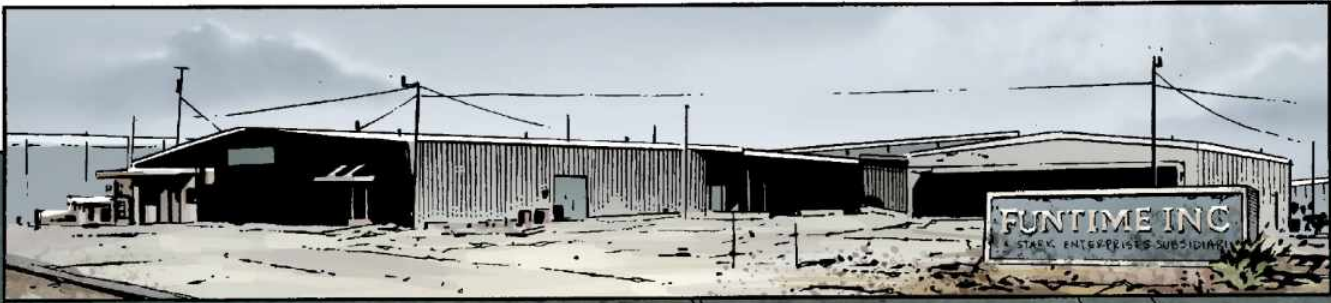
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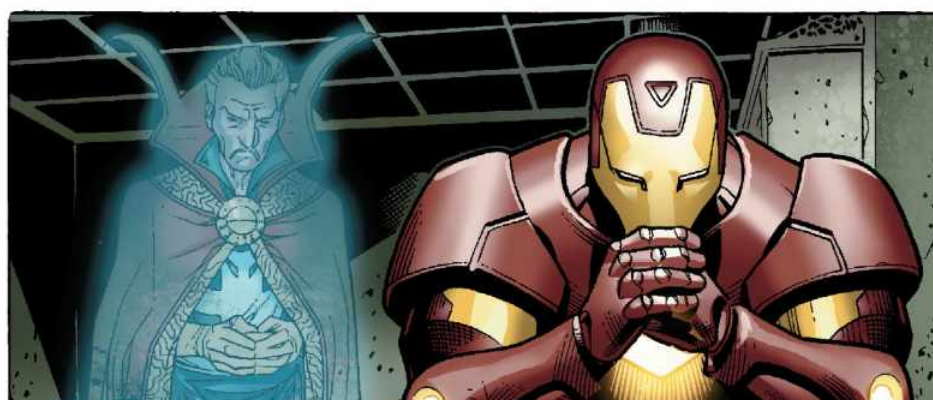
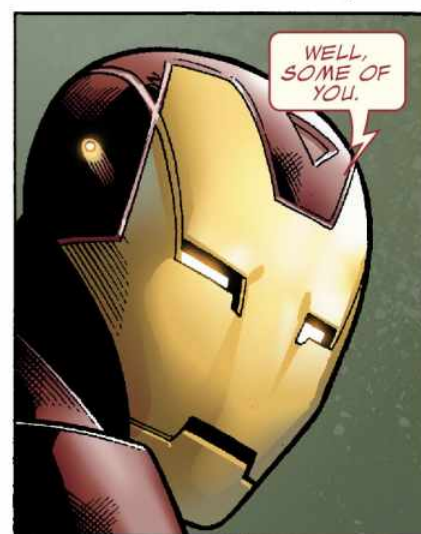
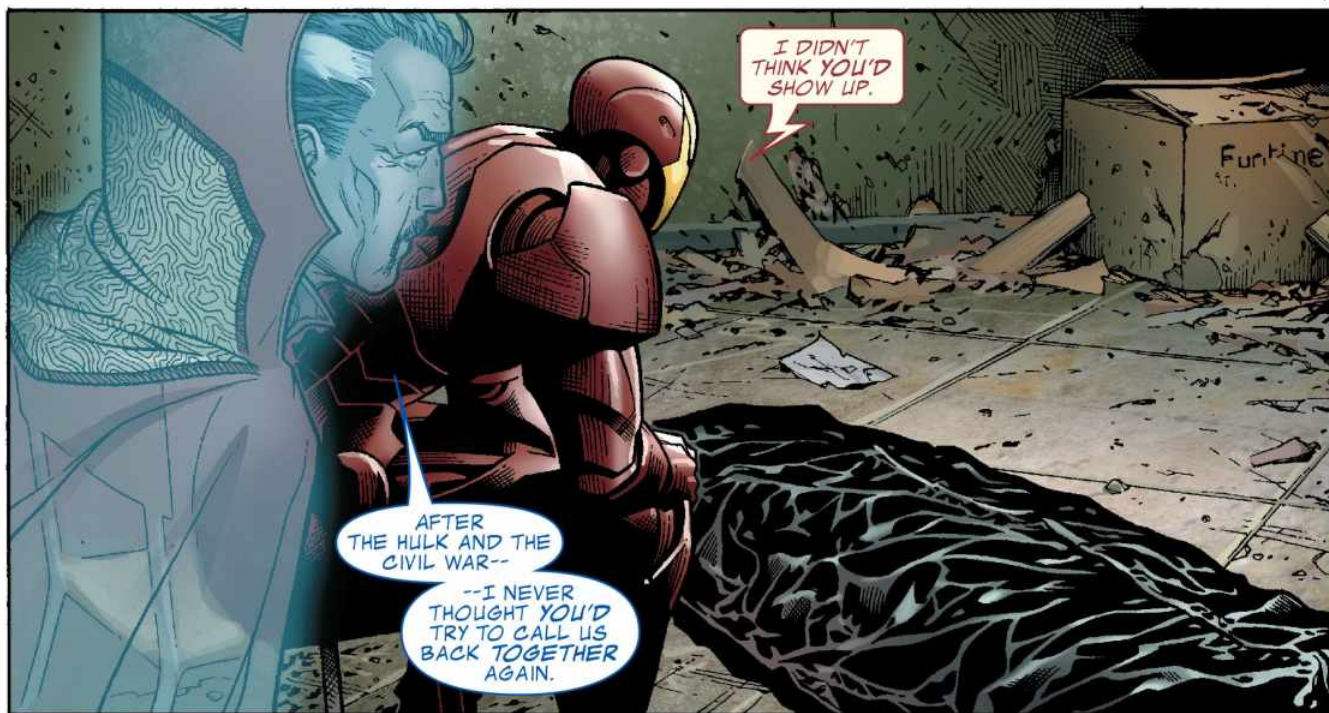
ENERGY FLUCTUATION
MATCHES DOCTOR STEPHEN
STRANGE'S PROJECTION
FROM THE ASTRAL PLANE.

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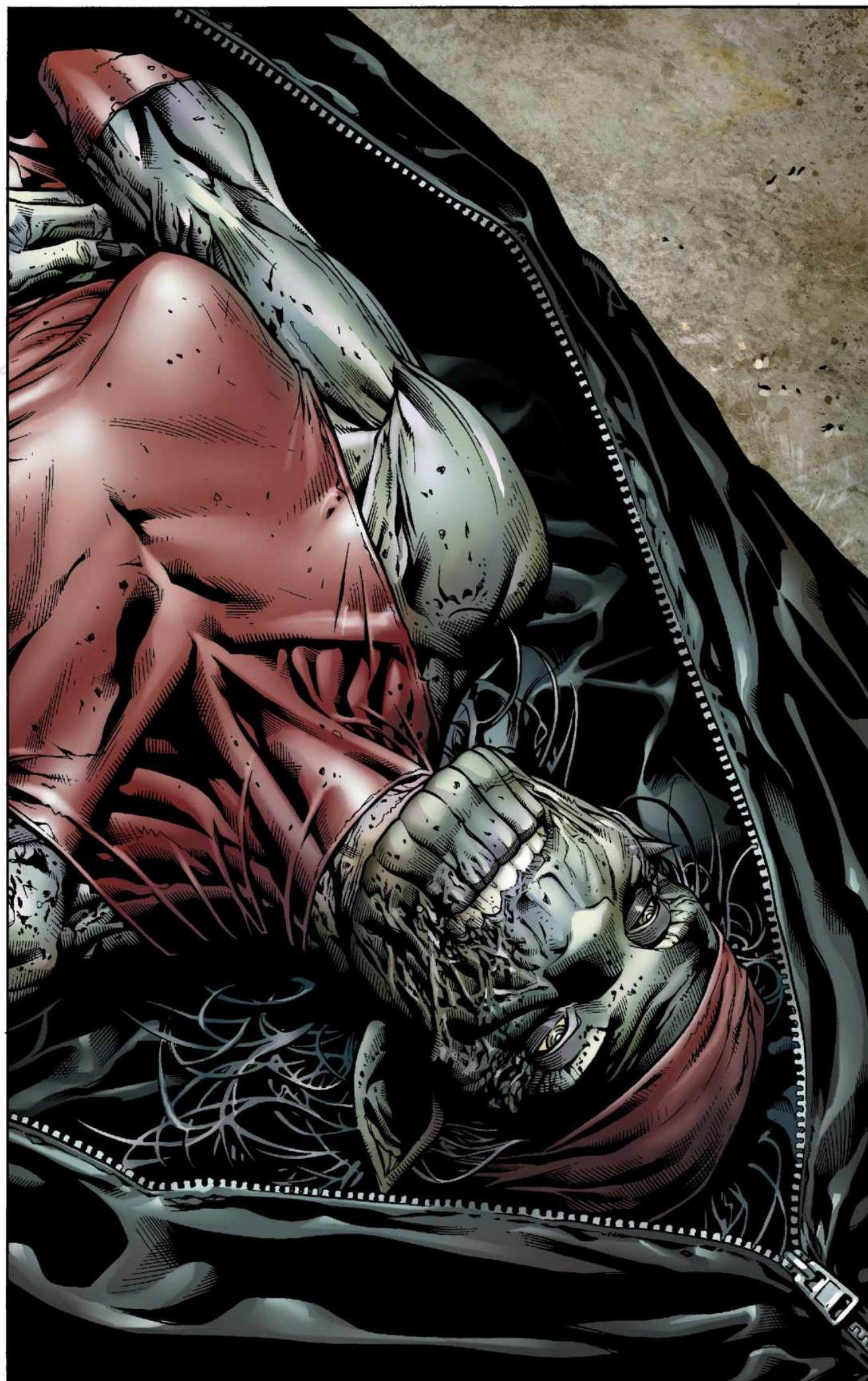
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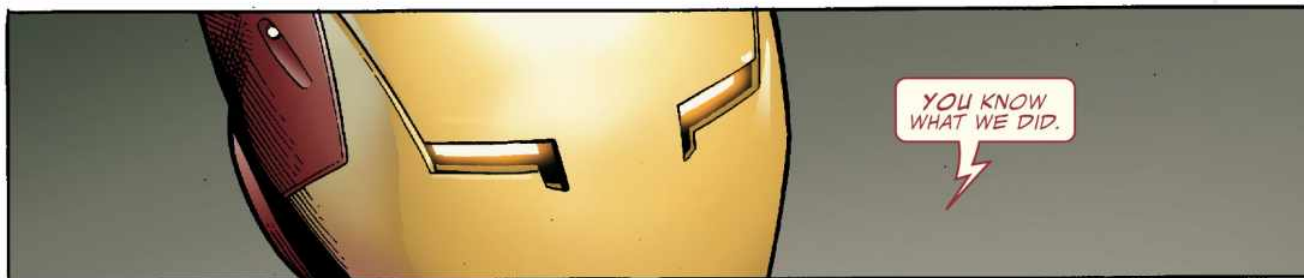
DOCTOR...

WHOSE
BODY IS
THAT?









YOU KNOW
WHAT WE DID.



NO.

WE
ENTERED THEIR
HOMEWORLD.

NO.

WE
DESTROYED
THEIR--

NO,
THEY
STARTED
IT.

OH, WELL,
THEN...

THEY
DID.

WHAT IRON MAN WANTS TO
SAY--WHAT I AM SURE JESSICA
DREW TOLD YOU--IS THAT THIS
ELEKTRA SKRULL WAS UNDETECTABLE
BY WOLVERINE'S MUTANT POWER, MY
MAGIC, OR SPIDER-MAN'S SENSES.



WELL, THAT'S
FASCINATING.
WE'LL HAVE
TO CUT IT OPEN
AND START AN
AUTOPSY.

YES. YES.

WE HAVE TO
FIND A WAY TO
DETECT THEM.

SO ONE
SKRULL IN ALL THE
WORLD DRESSES UP
LIKE A WOMAN AND
WE'RE AT WAR?

YES.

THAT'S
QUITE A
LEAP.

ONE SKRULL THAT
WE'VE FOUND.

THAT WE'VE
FOUND.

ONE
SKRULL AND
YOU ASSUME--

AFTER WHAT WE
DID? I AM GOING
TO ASSUME THE
VERY WORST. YES.



UNLESS IT'S JUST ONE
WORKING ON ITS OWN,
STRANDED HERE, TRYING
TO MAKE THE BEST
OF IT.

THINK ABOUT--
THINK ABOUT
THE YEAR

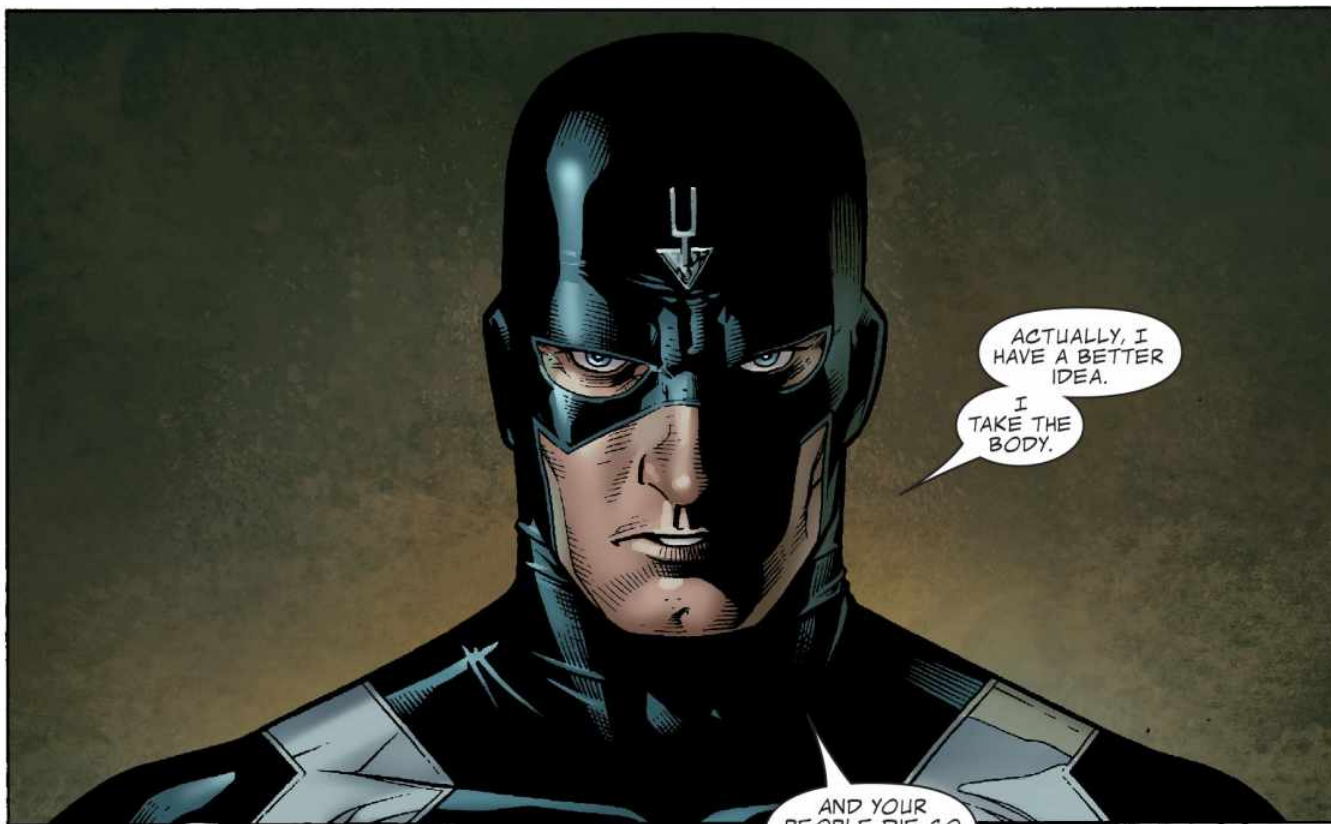
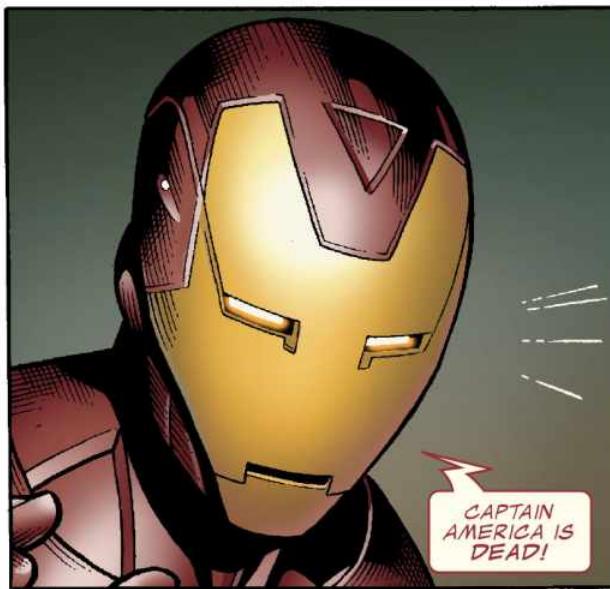
THE AVENGERS
DESTROYED. WE'RE

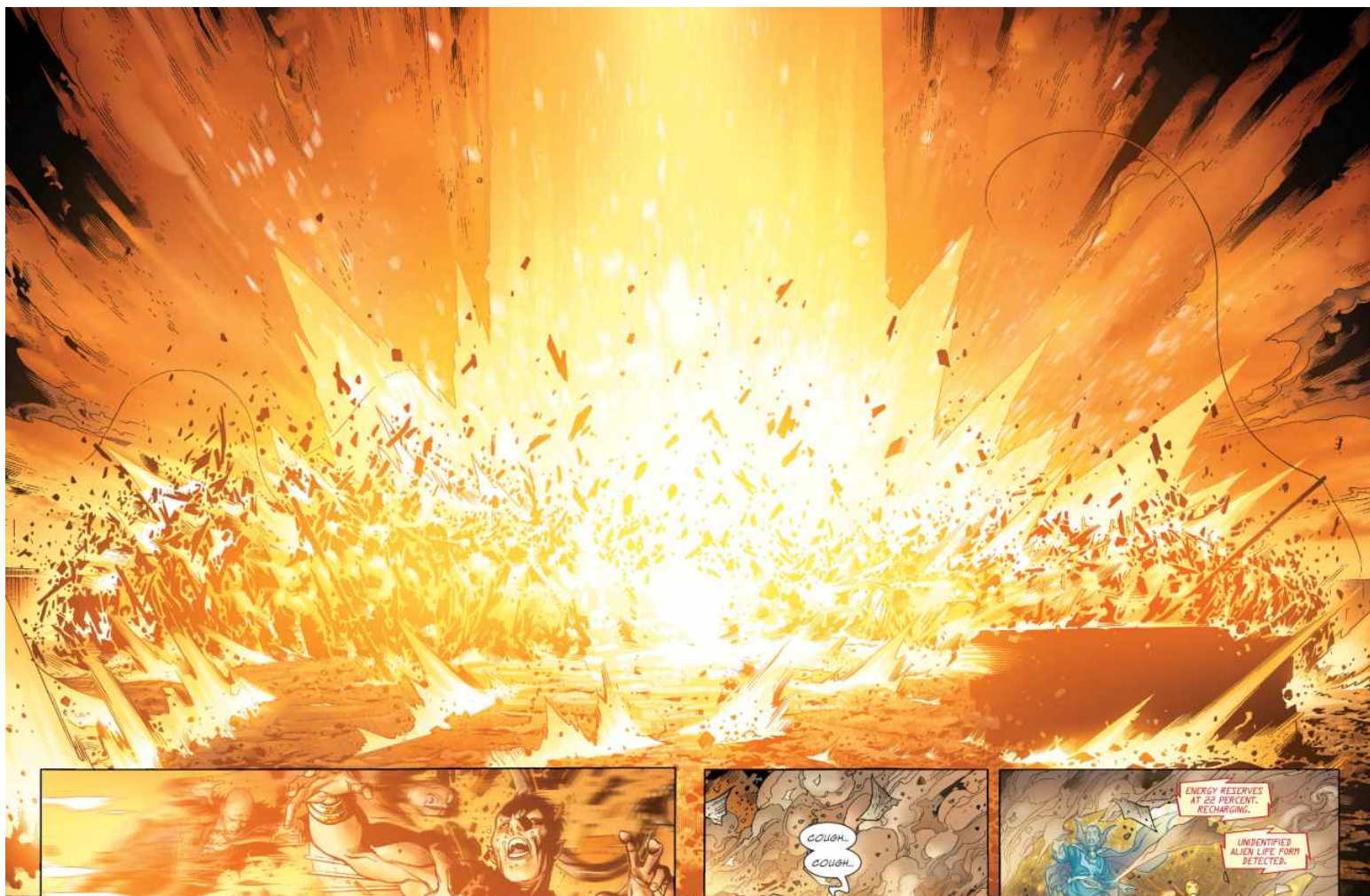
AND CAPTAIN
AMERICA
IS DEAD.

THINK OF
ALL THAT...

...AND YOU TELL ME
IT DOESN'T FEEL
LIKE WE'RE BEING
WORKED OVER?













MONSTER?
I AM
YOU.



BUT
MORE.



TONY, IT
WANTS THE SKRULL
BODY, GET IT AND
YOU AND GET OUT
OF HERE!

NYAAAAAHHHH!

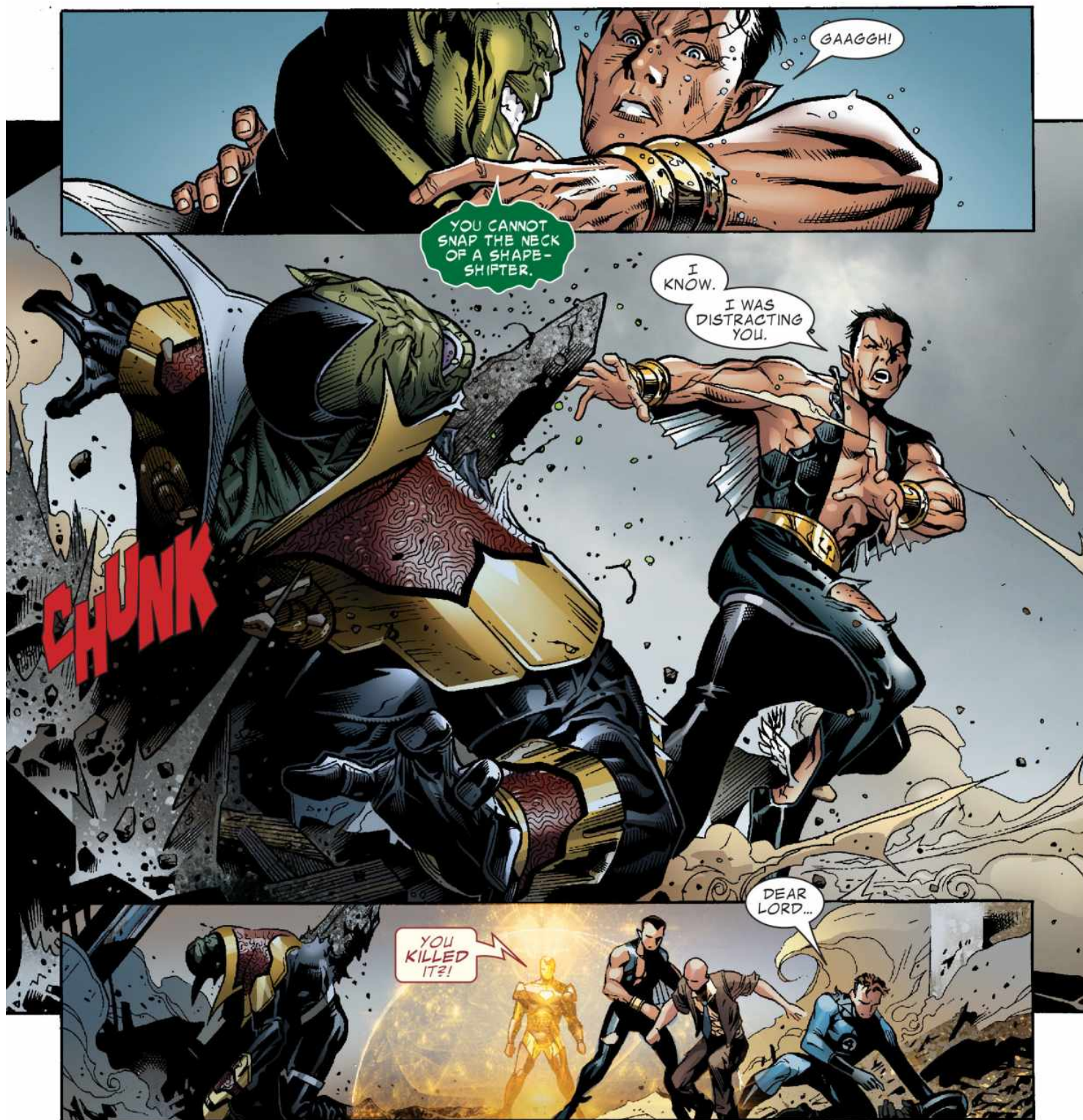


YOU ARE
INCORRECT.



CYTTORAK'S
CRIMSON
BANDS!





IT HAD INFORMATION--

IT WAS TRYING TO KILL US.

YOU SAID YOURSELF THAT WE ARE AT WAR!

AND THAT WAS A POTENTIAL PRISONER OF



SORRY!

ENERGY FLUCTUATION DETECTED.

IDENTITY: CONFIRMED. DOCTOR STEPHEN STRANGE

OCCUPATION: SORCERER SUPREME

I GOT BACK AS SOON AS I COULD.

I-I WASN'T PREPARED FOR ANYTHING LIKE THAT



NAMOR'S RIGHT. THERE WAS NO WAY WE WERE GOING TO CONTAIN THAT THING.

WHAT IS OUR NEXT STEP?

ALIEN LIFE FORMS DETECTED.

OH NO.

GENETIC TYPE UNIDENTIFIED.







THEY DIDN'T
KNOW I COULD
DO THAT.

I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU COULD
DO THAT.

NOW THEY
KNOW. IT WON'T
WORK TWICE.

ARE
THERE MORE
COMING?



AREA SECURE.

NOT
YET.

HOW
DID YOU DO
THAT?



I-I
COULDN'T READ
ITS THOUGHTS.

ITS THOUGHTS
WERE THAT OF "BLACK
BOLT" OR...OR THEY WERE
ABLE TO MAKE ME THINK
THEY WERE.

WHERE IS
THE REAL BLACK
BOLT?



THE PLAN TODAY
WAS TO ASSASSINATE
US SO WE HAVE TO
ASSUME THE WORST.

BUT HOW
LONG WAS THAT
ONE POSING AS
BLACK BOLT?

MAYBE FROM
THE DAY WE
WENT TO THEM...

NO. THE PLAN
WASN'T TO ASSASSINATE
US. THEY COULD HAVE SENT
AN ARMY OF SOUPED-UP
SUPER-SKRULLS HERE
AND DONE THAT.

THE PLAN WAS
TO TURN US AGAINST
EACH OTHER.



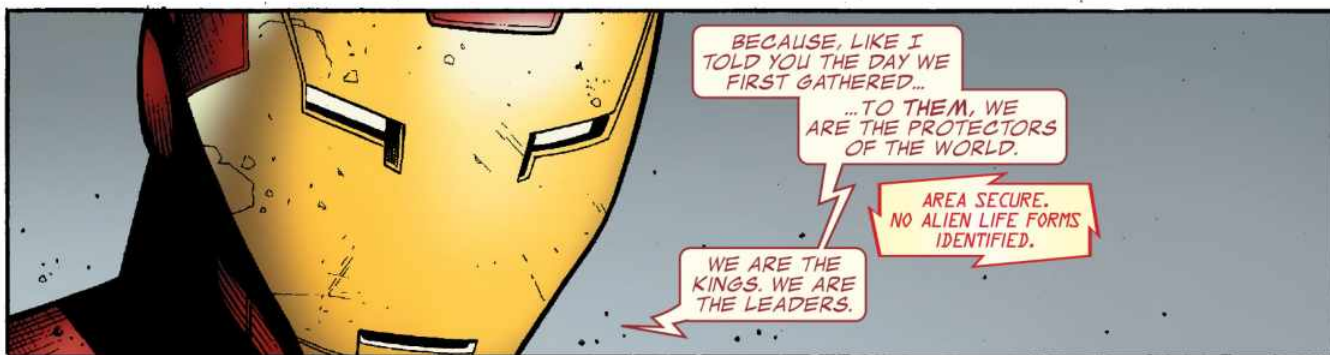
AND IF THEY PICKED
A COUPLE OF US OFF
IN THE MEANTIME, HEY,
WHAT THE HELL...

MAYBE.

BUT WHAT ARE
THEY DOING DIFFERENT?
WHY CAN'T WE TELL THEM
APART FROM US--?

WHY
US?

WHY ARE
THEY SINGLING
US OUT?





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